THE VIRGINIA MURDERER.

Confession of Fouks, the Slayer of the Herndon Family.

THE STORY OF THE MURDER.

Avowal of the Motives That Prompted the Deed.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Peb. 4, 1875. Fouks, the murderer of the Herndon family, in Prince William county, who made his escape from prison, was recaptured on Monday, about five miles from the Court House. Hearing on Monday that Fouks had since his return to the cell made some sort of confession implicating another, I asked permission to interview Fouke, who I jound covered up head and ears in his blankers in a lar Hon. corner of his cell. He answered promptly to my call, and raising himself up sat on the biankets,

which were spread on the floor.
IMPLICATING WILLIS TIBB. in answer to my request that he would repeat the story to us that he had repeated to Mr. Wood-yard and Mr. Brenton about the killing, he said: the story to us that he had repeated to Mr. Woodyard and Mr. Brenton about the killing, he said;—
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one to Mr. Herndon's and asked him (rouks) if he could not rect him a piece of meat from Mr. Herndon. Fonks said, I told him I had no money; then Wills said, "Can't you 'shy' me a piece out of the meat house; "I told him I might get Add to do it. I got Add to get the meat and put it in a basket in the kitchen loit. Mrs. Herndon wanted the basket, and when it was got the meat was found. Wills came to Mrs. Herndon's again on the next Thursday night about eleven o'clock and asked me if I had got his meat. I told him Add got it, but Mrs. Herndon had found it and Add told them who it was for. Whils said, "Dawn their souls: I reckon they will have me up." He then asked me when Mr. Herndon paid me. Itold him last Saturday night a week. He then asked me where Mr. Herndon kept his money, and I told him locked up in the drawer. Willis then asked me if Mrs. Herndon didn't keep the keys, and I told him she did. He then asked me good night and left, and I went to bed. In about a quarrer of an hour I heard someody cry, "Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!" I jumped up and went to the house, and there was Mrs. Herndon and Mr. Herndon and Add lying in the middle of the floor crying, "Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!" I jumped up and went to the house, and there was Mrs. Herndon and Mr. Herndon and Add lying in the middle of the floor crying, "Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!" and was it he had killed the old forks. On asking Fouks what answer Willis made him, ne said Willis made him no answer. I then asked Fouks my what and want to my sister?."

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Mr. Woodyard then said, "Jesse, I believe you got a part of that money, did you not? answer me that question." Fouks then said, "When I asked Willis if he had knied the old tolks he said, "Yes, but you must not tell on me," and waiking to the door gave me a part of the money, which I had in the brush pile."

CONTRADICTORY STORIES.

Fouks' stories were so contradictory, and seeing he was disposed to admit nothing that would implicate himself in the murders, out put it entirely on another, we left. He could give no reason why he had not implicated Tibbs before his own trial and conviction, except that he was "alraid." His seet are pretty severely frostbitten, and on Monday he was complaining of a severe pain in his side. He also looked wild and excited, snowing that what he has undergone and is undergoing are telling on him.

Rev. B. P. Dulin, who visited him on Monday

Rev. B. P. Dulin, who visited him on Monday Rev. B. P. Dulin, who visited him on Monday for the purpose of giving him some spiritual advice, begged him to teil the truth as 1 ing would not save his life, and if persisted in would cause him to lose his soul also. Fouks insists that he is telling the truth all the time, and, using his own language, "tell what God has told him to tell?" yet his story, though short, was plainly false in two or three particulars. But iew persons put any confidence in his story about Willis Tibo, though it is a pretty plausiole one, and il collected, shows considerable ingenity. The Commonwealth attorney was urged on Monday to have Tibo arrested on suspicion.

After having been visited and talked with by Rev. B. P. Dulin, or the New School Baptist church, Mr. william E. Goodwin, Seierin, and D. W. Wilting, or the Manassas Gazette, and others, Fouss made the following conlession which was atterward read to him in the presence of the gentlemen whose names accompany the confession.

THE CONFESSION.

Confession of Jesse Fours, colored, of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Heradon and the fittle colored boy, Adalson Russel, on the night of the 3a of December, 1874, made in his cell in the jail of Prince William county, Virginia,

in the jail of Prince William county, Virginia, February 2, 1875:—
"I stole a piece of meat of Mr. Herndon, which I intended to take home. I stole it on Wednesday night before the killing. On Thursday evening, after 1 was cone hading wood, I was told to put some hay on the wagon to take to the stable. While I was at the haystack the little boy Add came and told me Mrs. Herndon had found the meat in my piece of cotton and said I stole it. When I went to the house I told Mrs. Herndon I got the piece of meat from my sister, it was not Mr. Herndon's meat, and I wanted my piece of

ment in my piece of cotion and said I stole it. When I went to the house I told Mrs. Herndon I got the piece of meat from my sister, it was not Mr. Herndon's meat, and I wanted my piece of cotton, Mrs. Herndon told me to wait till Mr. Herndon was done eating his supper. I then went to the kitchen and Mr. Herndon, when he was done supper, went to the meat house to see if his meat was missing. He toen went back to the house. After a while, about an hour, I went back to the house and told Mr. Herndon I wanted my piece of cotton. Mrs. Herndon opened the door and I went in and told Mr. Herndon I wanted my handkerchie. Mr. Herndon told me I could not get my handkerchie. Mr. Herndon told me I could not get my handkerchie. Mr. Herndon told me I could not get my handkerchie. Mr. Herndon told me I could not me with it. I told him I was not afraid oi him him which it. I told him I was not afraid oi him him me with it. I told him I was not afraid oi him him thing me with the axe. I did not good it of the door and said "desse don't have no luss here." She pushed the door on the porch and pushed the door open, and as Mrs. Herndon was waiking to her chair I struck her on the side of the head and knocked her down. Mr. Herndon was standing hear the fire lacing me, and as soon as I struck Mrs. Herndon had got up on her kneed and knocked him two or three lacks with the axe handle. Mrs. Herndon had got up on her kneed and it hew the axe handle and knocked him down and struck her with the back of it, shocking her back of the fire lacing me, and as soon as I struck Mrs. Herndon had got up on her kneed and it he with the dark handle and knocked him down and struck her with the back of it, shocking her back of the fire lacing me, and struck Mr. Herndon another heak with the back of the swe handle. Mrs. Herndon had got up on her kneed and it he we had and thoe ked the door. I find not take it. Then struck Mr. Herndon's pocket and unlocked the drawer where the money was and the dor ske it. I do not take it. I was alraid to take it. They

puned on my shoes to go to bed. I am not punt them off to go to the house. I did not go there to kin them. I had no such idea. I got no blood on me except my leet.

"When I lest I thought they would die. I was scared and went to my sister's as isst as I could. When I got to Mr. O'Rear's, where my sister lives, Miss Jennie O'Hear had not gone to bed. I heard her singing. When I went into my sister's cabin no one was in there except her. I did not tell my sister was that I had done. I went to bed, and after that I heard the ten o'clock car winstle blow. I intended to go back to Mr. Herndon's next morning as it I knew nothing about the killing, but Mr. O'Rear came and asked me it i would nelp him to kill his sister's hogs. I tood bim Mr. Herndon would not like it, and told him what Mr. Herndon would not like it, and told him what Mr. Herndon would not like it, and told him what Mr. Herndon that day and make it all right withinm. I then said I would help to kill the nogs, and on my way i hid the money in a brush pile. When sandy southers came to the hoppen and told hem that all of the Herndon family had been murdered I cried. Mrs. O'Rear lold me not to cry. No one saw me cry out Mrs. O'Rear, Boo Blackburn and Mr. Neal Lomax. I told Mr. O'Rear I had better go over to Mr. Herndon's, but he said it was not worth while; I could do no good. When I had done it I was sorry; I add not go here to kin them, but was mad when I had done it. I did not kin them to get the money; I how the money in hake pretence that somebody else had done it. When I accused Willis Tho o't the murder i done it as I thought I might get coar. I did the mirder myself and no one else knew anything about it. I make tais as my free confession, and I have food he trout has neaf as I can recollect it. I have now no hope of except and know that I must due for my crines."

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we were all present at the same time when the foregoing written contession of the pri-oner, Jesse Fouss, was read to but as know and we would cor correct in every particular.

Given under our hands, this 2d day of February,
LUCIEN A. DAVIS.

ARTHUR W. SINCLAIR.
WILLIAM E. GOODWIN.
D. W. WHITING.

THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

RESIGNATION OF CHAMBERLAIN LANE. George W. Lane, the City Chamberlain, sent in

George W. Lane, the City Chamberlain, sent in his resignation to the Mayor on Wednesday evening, and the Mayor pesterday reluctantly decided to accept it, the resignation to take effect when Mr. Lane's successor is appointed. The following is Mr. Lane's letter to the Mayor:

New York, Feb. 3, 1875.

Hon. William H. Wickham, Mayor, &c.:—

When the late Mayor, the Hoo. William F. Havemeyer, appointed me City Chamberlain it was will great rejuctance that I consented to accept the office. During the past summer I tendered to him my resignation, which he decined. Circumstances of a purely private and personal character made me now to ask that you accept my resignation as city Chamberlain. hereby tendered, and relieve me from the duties and responsibilities of the office. In doing so permit me to express my thanks to you; and through you to the officers and employes of the several departments, for their uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me.

I remain, very respectivity, your obselue aervant.

GEORGE W. LANE.

The following reply was sent to this letter by Mr. Wicknam yesterday:-

Mr. Wicknam yesterday:—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Feb. 4, 1875.}
Hon. GEORGE W. LANK:—

DEAR SIR—I maye your letter of yesterday tendering your resignation as City Chamberlain. It is with regret that I have received this communication from you and with reluctance, overcome only by deserence to your own positive unwithingness to reconsider the step. that I can assent to your withdrawai from the office.

Through many years of friendship for you and of a regard every wy greater for the stering qualities of your character as a citizen and in an matters of ounsiness I have learned to appreciate the singular fitness of your original selection for the responsible office you have filled with such satisfaction to the community and the advantage it would have been to my own administration to have been able to reain you as Chamberlain during my entire term as Mayor.

With my acknowledgments for the kind expressions of your letter and thanks for the consideration you have shown me in all our omical relations, I am, dear sir, with the best wishes for your wellare, very respectivity.

WILLIAM H. WICKHAM.

Although many prominent gentlemen are mentioned in connection with the position the Mayor states that he has not as yet decided upon any

THE CONCEALMENT OF THE PUB-LIC ACCOUNTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-

Upon the reorganization of the accounts and finances of the corporation, which was made in 1859, among other rules introduced by me, with the approval of Comptroller Haws, was one requiring that each set of books kept in the Comp-Finance Department, should always be written the end of each monto. Most of those trial balances were recorded at length in books kept expressly for that purpose and known as "registers of monthly ledger balances." These monthly trial

pressiy for that purpose and known as "registers of monthly ledger balances." These monthly trial balances continued to be made out during the five and a nail years I was Deputy Comptroller—say until the spring of 1864.

In the fail of 1871 I was employed by the Joint Investigating Committee of supervisors, Aldermen and Associated Chilzels, of whom Mr. W. A. Booth was chairman, to examine the public accounts in reference to what were known as the "ring frauds." I then learned that the practice of having montally balance statements made out from the various leagers, as above mentioned, had been continued down to that time. A good deal has been said of late about having balance sheers of the city ledgers published according to long established usage prior to the present administration. I have no doubt that such marance sheets have been made out every month, and why there should be any unwillingness or reluctance to make them public is more than I can understand. The appropriations made adring each year for all purposes are represented by the "appropriation account: kept in the general ledger, ince details, i.e., titles of each appropriation and the amount set apart for the same, are snown in the "appropriation ledger." The general appropriation account is charged with the "general appropriation accounting the objects or purposes for which the particular sums are set apart are credited with said sums respectively. In this way credits are opened for payments, and the respective accounts are charged with the warrants drawn against them. The general appropriation account, kept in the general appropriation for the same, are so when the particular sums are set apart are credited with said sums respectively. In this way credits are opened for payments, and the respective accounts are charged with the warrants drawn against them. The general appropriation account, kept in the general appropriation account. The general appropriation account, kept in the general ledger, is balanced by the tax levy of the year and by the general indu, the income of which supplies some \$3,000,000 annually toward delraying the municipal expenses.

W. E. WARREN,

Public Auditor and Accountant.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE COMPTROLLER GREEN'S DOINGS.

The Board of Aldermen met yesterday afternoon and transacted considerable routine business.

Mr. Biessing offered a resolution directing the what authority more than two tracks are laid in any one street of the city, and to report if the cars of different companies cannot be made to use the same track where the cars of different companies run in the same streets, in order to give more room to wagons, &c. The resolution was adopted.
Alderman Reilly offered the following resolu-

Alderman Reilly offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on
Law:—

Whereas it has been publicly alleged that Andrew H.
Green, comprioler, has adjustly reasted the payment
of legal claims, thereby causing the immecessary expenditure out of the public treasury of arne sums of
the purpose of affecting legication and of resisting the
payment of legal chaims, all of whose tees have been
publicly alleged that said comprioler has filegally
diverted certain sums set apart for special purposes by
the board of apportionmen and the laws of this State
to other purposes not authorized by said board or
laws; and whereas it has been publicly alleged
that said comprioler has at various times unsatily and
maliciously aclayed the payment of the salaries and
wages of public officials and servants, thereby temporarity depriving them of their just dues and inficting upon
them great less and damage; and whereas it has been
publicly alleged that the management of the managin
them, for a lower that he management of the managin
that has been such as a special purpose, to the
countries on the law prosperity; therefore
Resowed, that the several matters mentioned in the
foregoing presenties be and the same are hereby referred
to the Committee on the law Department, to investigate
the same, with power to send for persons and papers,
and to report the result of their investigation to this
Board, with such recommendations as to them may
acem advisable and for the best interests of the city.

Mr. Seery offered a resonation, which was
adopted, calling upon the Department of the railroad
contained of the city, it by contract or other wise;
and, it by contract, who are the contractors; and
all other information relating to the doings of the
coparitment. He also offered another resonation,
which was adopted, asking the Mayor to learn
from the Poince Board what work they are having done
outside of the city, it by contract or other wise;
and, it by contract, who are received from the Department of Parks giving a

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Mayor Stokley, of Philadelphia, the Sheriff of Moyamensing county, and several other citizens of the "City of Brotherly Love," called on Mayor Wickham yesterday. The Board of Apportionment was in session in the Mayor's office at the time. and they lest just before the battle between Green and Van Nort took pince. At the invitation of Mr. Wickham Mayor Stokley and his friends and several of the heads of departments partook of an elegant luncheon at Delmonico's, Messrs. Green and Van Nort being of the number. The two lat-

and Van Nort being of the number. The two latter enjoyed the occasion as though they had never
taked flercely, about "thirteen years ago," on
Albany outsiness in ait their lifetime.
If Mr. Wickman and Mr. Van Nort know anything about the matter, and have no "mental
reservations," there is no truth in the rumor so
prevalent yesterday that Mr. Van Nort has placed
his resignation in the Mayor's hands. Mr. Wickham says he has not freceived his resignation, and
Mr. Van Nortshys he has not given the matter a
thought. Still it is generally believed that there
must be some fire where there is so much smoke.
There was a lively time among the Aldermen
yesterday after the Board had adjourned, the
Mayor's hime veloes being the incentive. It may
be that a special session will be held hereafter for
the reception of veloes alone. However, the lesson the Mayor administered to the hasty legislation advocates will, doubtiess, not be forgotten for
soms time to come.

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of Parks to give the chorough exhibit of their
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whose resolution compelled the Superintendent of Parks to give the thorough exhibit of their adiairs which was published in the HERALD ves-ternay. Mr. Blessing laughingly inquired during the meeting of the Board whether his colleagues had offered any resolution looking to the smoothing out of the Park Department, as he had not heard

that he had, and if he had, he (Blessing) was de-termined to get an answer to his resolution. The iermined to get an answer to his resolution. The incident created quite a langh at Billings' expense. There is considerable talk in political circles about Columbus Rvan's position in the Park. His friends sav trat he can easily get another year's leave to hold on to the exclusive privilege of keeping restaurants, the. Action Comptroller Green though he is no longer superintendent. Several disinterested parises say they will give \$15,000 a year for Ryan's privilege.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING TESTERDAY THE ALLEGED CHARGES AGAINST THE COM-

The Commissioners of Docks held a regular meeting at their rooms, Nos. 366 and 368 Broad-way, yesterday alternoon; present, President Wes-terveit and Commissioner Wales. The contract for turnishing the department with 5,000 barrels fresh burned English Portland cement was awarded to S. L. Merchant & Co. The following

resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That no purchase be made for any material or supplies for the use of the department until a requisition therefor be made by the proper officer in charge.

The Engineer-in-Chief submitted a communication from the Assistant Superintendent, A. J. Murray, in reference to the condition of certain piers on the East River, and he was authorized to would permit. A communication from the Board of Public Works, with a schedule of the rates of wages augrested at the conference of the Departments of Parks, Docks and Public Works, February 2 1875, was read. Commissioner Wales stated that the Department of Docks had very few that labor was at present far in excess of the de-mand, and he moved to lay the document on the table, which was carried. The following is

THE SCHEDULE. Rank or Occupation. Rates Ps General foreman. Foreman of mechanics Foreman on laying Croton pipes. Foreman on construction of roads and Foreman on repairs of pipes.... Painters.
Two horse teams...
Two horse teams - ithout wagons....
Horse and cart.
Watchmen on aqueinct and Reser-Watchmen on all other works....

NARROWING SOUTH STREET. Commissioner Wales chiled attention to a resolution offered by him at a previous meeting in reierence to narrowing South street. The present line makes the width of the street 200 feet, and width. By narrowing the street to 140 feet and draw-ing in the bulkheads and piers correspondingly it stimated that a saving might be made to the city of nearly \$750,000 per mile. An examination of the subject showed that additional legislation would be required to accomplish this. On motion giving it as the sense of the Board that it would be for the interest of the city to have the changes made, and that steps be taken to prepare the necessary bill to be introduced into the Legisia-

ture,
Commissioner Wales desired to state in reference to the leasing of certain piers on the East River to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, of which complaint had been made, that their occupancy by the road was merely temporary and while certain proposed improvements were in abeyance; that they had not been leased for any definite time, but the road was in the position of a tenant at will. The Board then adjourned.

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MAYOR WICKHAM AND THE COMMISSIONERS.

President Westervelt, when questioned by a HERALD reporter yesterday, in regard to certain charges against binnelf and Commissioner Budd, alleged to have been prepared by the Major, said he knew nothing of any such charges, and, of course, could have done no hing to counteract their effect. "The report of the Commissioners of Accounts in reference to this department," said Mr. Westervelt, "was placed in our hands something more than a week ago by the Major, who desired our statement or answer to certain parts of it. This would have been jurnished ere this, but the clerk in the office who, had charge of the preparation of the papers, and is fully cognizant of everthing to which the report refers, was taren sick with the dipinheria. Of this the Mayor has been notified and the time given as extended by him. I nave no doubt whatever that our statement, when made, will be entirely satisfactory to the Mayor and to the public. As to the assertion which has been made that I have been endeavoring to bring political influence to bear upon his Honor, or that my friends have done so, nothing could be more absurd. The Commissioners are the legal and responsible heads of this department, and, beyond our usual consultations with the Engineer-in-Chief in matters apper animate in his office, and with the Corporation Counsel, when requiring legal advice, we have not sought advice nor is any one authorized to advise us."

Subsequently Commissioners of Accounts had been nanded him by the mayor on Wednesday week, with the remark that he had found it when assuming office, and requesting an answer to certain allegations or charges in it. This answer had been deads of the tast the report of the Commissioners of Accounts had been deads of the remark that he had found it wen tain allegations or charges in it. This answer had been delayed for the reasons stated by President Westervet, but would be read, on Wednesday next. He could not, with propriety, furnish the report for publication at present; but the points at issue were for the most part cased upon the interpretation of the law as to the powers and duties of the department. The changes which nad been made in the charter and the reduction of the number of Commissioners, for example, had caused some difference of opinion in reserence to their nowers; but they had been careful to consuit the Corporation Counsel in all matters of doubt, and were satisfied that their course would be approved. As to the accounts and the sewardship renerally of the Commissioners, they were ready at all times for the severest inspection.

TAMMANY GENERAL COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS-APPOINTMENT

OF THE COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR.

The Tammany General Committee held a regula meeting last evening at Tammany Hall, Pour-teenth street. Mr. John Keily called the meeting to order and appointed Judge Quinn as Chairman for the evening, Mr. Abram S. Hewitt being absent on account of sickness.

The report of the Treasurer showed that there

was now a balance on band of \$1,962. General McMahon, on behalf of the Committee on Sylaws, handed in a report, which provided for some changes in a few of the articles. In as they were last year. The annexed districts were provided for. A new section was introduced under article 19, by which resolutions may be easily shut off from being read, it being the new rule to have them referred to the Committee on Organization. An instance of this occurred last evening immediately after the adopresolution touching upon unjust taxation and the remedy therefor in the city of New York were at once referred to the Committee on Organization, the title of the subject matter and the name of the member who proposed the resolutions alone being read. A majority of the members of the General Committee, however, have power to demand the reading of any of the papers referred to in the new section.

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The following are the names of the committees appointed by the chairman for the ensuing year:—

committee on Finance—John Keily, chairman; Edward J. Fitzpatrick, John J. Gorman. Thomas Dunap. Edward D. Gale, Henry H. Porter and James Daily.

Committee on Correspondence—Thomas Costigan. Chairman; F. F. Marbury, William H. Burns, Frederick Smyth, Charles W. Clandy, Michael J. Adrian and John Van Gann.

Committee on Naturalization—Henry R. David, Chairman; Dennis Quinn, William W. Cook, Edward C. Sheeny, Francis V. Euring, Willis S. Paine and J. William Guntzer.

Committee on Printing—Edward L. Donnelly, Chairman; William C. Conner, Thomas Sniels, Edward Gion, J. Henry Ford, Seth C. Douglas and Henry Hognes.

Committee on Municipal Government—William C. Whitney, chairman; William A. Boyd, James Harris, Lewis G. Waenner, Angustus Scael, John I. McGowan, Ambrose Moneil and Francis B. Spinola.

The meeting then adjourned.

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ing of the above committee at their headquarters, No. 463 Fourth avenue. Dr. Martin Freligh was in the chair, and after the roll was called there an animated discussion as to the reception of the report naming delegates from the Sixteenth district. It was now election. The committees on the new nail and other matters asked for in the rime to report. There was a very full attendance and much interest was manifested.

COMMITTÉE.

RAPID TRANSIT.

The Progress of the Movement Toward Its Achievement.

THE VAGARIES OF INVENTORS.

As we move toward the accomplishment of rapid transit—and it is certain that we do move toward it—a swollen flood of talk rolls at the side of our path, and the flood is continually increasing. Everybody opens his mouth and refuses to let down the portcalils of his teeth. The open expression of opinion by all classes of people no doubt will prove potent in forcing the solution of the rapid transit problem. Yet it is a fact that of the rapid transit problem. Yet it is a fact that 'much of the talk could be dispensed with—for instance, that portion of it which is contributed, as a brainworrying element, by the hundreds of inreduction of which to practice roads would reduction of which to bractice roads would be constructed and passengers moved over them as it by magic. These inventive people are found crowding every room in which rapid transit is being discussed, and they are met daily dropping into the offices of business men who have spoken in favor of the speedy travel in the metropolis. They are to be recognized by a general air of being oppressed geniuses, and they only become lively in manner when they have procured the temporary ownership of somebody's ear.

it is an interesting sight to see an inventor with the auricle of

Though the latter writhes, he beams with the miness of delight. He watches that auricle vigilantly, and draws forth, with a paroxysmal movement, the illustrations of his theories from the upper pocket on the left side of his over-coat, and he talks and talks till slience is to his hearers the best result of heavenly love. And when, finally, he is dismissed, perhaps with the remark that the best engineers condomn his plans, he moves away sorrowfully, muttering that "the best engineers" tried to put down Fulton and Watt and many other great geniuses. It is the only consolation he has, and, as it is the only impediment in his way to the lunatic asylum, a gineers" to decry Fulton, Watt and others.

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it is well to say, for the information of inventors, and with a desire to relieve pestered business men who are identified with the people's movement toward rapid transit, that the latter gentlemen oo not wish to hear of any more plans. Their purpose is simply to the amount of \$3,000,000. When they have gathered pledges representing that amount of money the matter of selecting a plan for a railway will be pisced in the hands of a committee appointed at a meeting of subscribers.

It is scarcely worth while to refer to the details of the numerous plans which have already been sent to the office of Drake Brothers. They include the most wonderful schemes that were ever devised, such as hever can be realized.

WHAT WAS DONE YESTERDAY.

At present the results achieved by the committee of gentlemen appointed by the meeting on Monday in the Chamber of Commerce de not indicate the amount of work it accomplished. Every member of the committee spenus a great deal of time daily in visiting well-to-do persons and in invoking them to take part in the "ottlzens" novement," Each reports that the project has the pleasantest prospects. Although the committee did not regularly meet for consultation yesterday, yet its memoers saw one another at various times and discussed their plans. In the afternoon Mr. Charles H. koo-evely, the secretary of the committee, informed the writer that "subscription lists" had already been is-ued to twenty-two capitalists. Most of the recipients of these lists nave signed the "obligation" to raise \$50,000 each. The others are given lists with the understanding that they will get as many subscriptions as they can. The names of the gentlemen to whom the papers were issued yesterday are:—Drake Brothers, No. 66 Broadway; B. L. Ackerman, No. 80 If ith avenue; Wm. H. Morrell, No. 66 Broadway; P. W. Stebbins, No. 11 Broadway; P. M. Clarkson, Newburg; Jacob Cohen, No. 205 Broadway; Frank G. Brown, No. 80 Broadway; R. C. Root & Anthony, Liberty street; John Husteet; George A. Haissy, No. 33 Nassan street; Wil

No. It wall assume the "obligation" to procure person shall assume the "obligation" to procure pledges representing \$50,000 before receiving a first; still, of course, there is a desire to procure men who will give that "pledge." The paper containing the "obligation" is in the hands of Mr. George Wilson, Secretary of the Chamber of Com-

George Wilson, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERS.

It is not likely that the report presented to the Society of Civil Engineers on Wednesday will reach the public before several days have passed; and when it does come out it will not bear the mark of the unanimous approval of the members of the society. The document is now in the hands of the printer, and nobody who knows what it is will say anything about its statements.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday that body considered the Rapid Transit bill introduced into the Assembly by Mr. Moore, and referred it to the Special Committee on Rapid Transit, of which Alderman Purroy is chairman. That committee will meet again to-morrow, at one o'clock, to hear the arguments of crizens, the Assembly Spb-Committee on Rapid Transit will hold a session to-morrow hoon, also in the City Hall.

WHAT THE PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT IS DOING A reporter, who yesterday conversed with Mr. J. M. Drake, learned that all the gentlemen are actively at work, and many assurances of large contributions from wealthy gentlemen have been given. Mr. Drake insists that the raising of money should be the first step, and that such acmoney should be the brist step, and that such ac-tion on the part of the people as individuals will have a more healthy effect than if a company were formed. If a corporation of capitalists ap-plied for a charter they would be placed under contribution by members, or the cry would be raised that it was another monopoly. If the Society of Civil Engineers agree upon a well devised scheme Mr. Drake thinks it should be adopted, and the money now being raised would form a nucleus for the capital. Then a proposition for a coarter. backed by the people who have subscribed, he thinks, would not meet the opposition of the thinks, that tell after all, for they show the in their desire to secure rapid transfer to and from the suburos. All property owners in the upper end of the Island and in Westchester county, he maintains, are pecuniarily interested. If a man maintains, are pecuniarily interested. If a man owns property valued at \$10,000 and a rapid transit road will increase its value to \$12,000, ne ought certainly to be willing to contribute from \$500 to \$1,000 toward the undertaking. Inat property would increase fully twenty-five per cent in value nobody can reasonably doubt; and if ten per cent of this expected increase were contributed to the movement by all the property owners interested more than enough to construct a first class road would be secured. The leading of the gentlemen having this popular movement in charge seems to be against distening to any propositions looking to the discussion of any of the numerous scenemes that have found birth in the fertile orans of in ventors and enthusiasts; but radies to depend upon the combined wisdom of the Society of Civil Engineers for a leasible scheme that can be pushed to completion as soon as possible. For this reason the publication of the report of the Special Committee of the Society on Rapid Transit is looked forward to with great interest.

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which will cause a loss to this city of not less than 1,000 employes. The new factory is to be opened during the coming spring.

A DAILY READER.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

The following contributions were sent to Rev. Alvan Wiswall, Master of St. John's Guild, on Tues-day of this week. and paid over to Andrew W.

Alvanda Anonymous 200 Anonymou \$5,633 50 Grand total..... Contributions are earnestly solicited, and may be sent to the HERALD, or to Rev. Alvan Wiswail, No. 52 Varick street.

REAL ESTATE.

The only attractions offered at the Exchange Salesroom resterday were the following fore-closure sales:—Messrs, E. A. Lawrence & Co. sold, under the direction of E. D. Gale, referee, by order of the Court, a house and iot located on Forty-third street, west of Tenth avenue; Mr.

NEW YORK PROPERTY—BY E. A. LAWRENCE AND CO.

15s. and b. bk. b and i. s. s. 45d st., 216 st. w. of

10th av., lot 168 kig0.5: Mrs. Ann R. Megra, plaintiff. \$3,085

BY WILLIAM RENNELLY.

14s. bk. tenement b. and i. s. s. 5th st., 422 ft. e.

10th av., lot 28x57.4x28x50.5; E. E. Brown, 2d 2000.

Schenrer 1.800 14 and 1., No. 193, adjoining the above, lot 20x31; S. & J. Scheurer 7,350 14 x and b. bt. h. and t. No. 193, adjoining the above, lot 20x31; S. & J. Scheurer 8,250

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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ORANER—METZGER.—On Wednesday, February 3, 1875, by Rev. Dr. Crone, Fannie Metzger, of Peesskii, and J. Craner, of Texas.

Cormick—Pimer.—in Brooklyn, on Thursday, February 4, 1875. by the Rev. Father Corrigan, Thomas F. Cormick of Jersey City, to S. Louise Pimer, of New London. Conn. No cards.

Deraismes—Biddle.—On Wednesday, February 3, 1875. at the residence of the bride's parents, at Elizabeth, N. J., by the Rev. Father Heming, Emile J. Deraismes to E. Eveline Biddle, dauguter of Edward Biddle, Esq., both of Elizabeth, N. J. No cards.

Philadelphia papers please copy.

Hennessy—McKhide.—On Thursday, February 4, by the Rev. H. O'Loughlin, pastor, of Flushing. John F. Hennessy, Esq., of Brooklyn, to Mrs. Ellen McKeide, iste of Behast, Ireland.

Kennedy—Neale.—On Wednesday, February 3, by the Rev. J. G. Bacchus, Charles S. Kennedy to Mary Louise Nelle, sil of Brooklyn.

Shea—O'Brien.—On Tuesday, February 2, 1875, at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 346 Fourth street, Brooklyn, E. D., by the Rev. Owen J. O'Brien, brother of the bride. John L. Shea to Sarah H. O'Brien, both of Brooklyn, E. D.

Spencer—Edwall.—On Wednesday, February 3, 1875, at the bride's residence. Waddington, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., by the Rev. Robert C. McCormick, Hol. James G. Spencer, of New York City, to Mrs. Belle W. Edball.

Staples—Lydia,—On Thursday, February 4, 1876, by the Rev. Dr. Weston, John J. Staples to Rosalis, daughter of the late Philip M. Lydig. ELLEN MCBEIDE, late of Beifast, Ireland.

KENNEDT—NALE.—On Wednesday, February 3, 50 by the Rev. J. G. Bacchus, CHARLES S. KENNEDT to MANY LOUISN BEALS, all of Brooklyn.

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East Saventeenth sireet, on Friday, at two o'clock P. M.

CATON.—On Thursday, the 4th, at Jersey City, Dr. Peren T. CATON, aged 64 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his inneral, on Saturday, the 6th, at half-past one P. M., from the residence of his son-in-law, A. P. Harris, Whiton street, late Laliyette.

CROWLEY.—On Thursday. February 4, JULIA, beloved daughter of the late Patrick and Ellen Crowley, after a long illness, aged 30 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 64 Gouvernour street, on Saturday, the eth inst. at half-past one o'clock; thence to Calvary Cometery.

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Duchardt.—At Harlem, on Tuesday, February 2, 1875, Pauling, the beloved daughter of Henry and Mary Duchardt.

None knew her but to love her, kone named her out to praise.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence or her parents, No. 176 East 122d atreet, on Sunday, February 7, at eleven o'clock.

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EARLY.—On Inursday, February 4, Mary, daughter of John and Sarah Early, aged 13 months and 10 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are most respectibily invited to attend the funeral, on Priday, at one o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents, No. 115 Seventh avenue, corner Seventeenth street.

ELDRR.—At the residence of his son-in-law, James L. Brush, Westfield, N. J., February 3, 1875, of heart disease, Dr. Alexander Elder, late of New York city.

Relatives and friends are resp citully invited to attend his inneral, from the Presbyterian church, Westfield, at two o'clock P. M., Saturday, February 3, 1871.

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The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, No. 431 West Nineteenth street, on Friday, the 5th inst., at one o'clock P. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the lamby are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from 74 Frankin avenue, on Saturday morning, at halipast ten o'clock. The remains will oe taken to St. Patrick's curren, Kent avenue, corner of Willoughby street, where a solemn mass of requiem will be o'clock. The remains will oe taken to St. Patrick's curren, Kent avenue, corner of Willoughby street, where a solemn mass of requiem will be o'clock. The remains will oe taken to St. Patrick's curren, Kent avenue, orner of the funeral f

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Hall.—On Wednesday, February 3, Mrs. E. Hall., in the 7th year of her age.

The relatives and iriends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services, at her late residence, No. 40 Chariton street, on Friday evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

Hawkins.—On Wednesday, February 3, Lucy Rose, wife of William Hawkins, in the 6tth year of her age.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 135 Seventeenth street, South Brooklyn, on Saturday, February 6, at three o'clock P. M. Hogan.—On Thursday morning, February A PATRICK Hogan, aged 38 years.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 95 Ninth avenue, on Saturday, at one o'clock P. M.

Jones.—On Thursday, the 4th, at Greenville, N. J., William Jones, aged 74 years.

Relatives and Irlends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, on Monday, the 5th, at eleven A. M., from the residence of Abraham Becker, Greenville, N. J.

Levis.—On Wednesday evening, Williz, youngest son of Michael and Mary A. Levis, aged 3 years and 7 months.

Relatives and riends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, 504 Court street, corner of Garnet, this day (Fliday), at two o'clock.

Lippert, aged 3 years, 7 months and 9 days.

Remains were interred at Scotch Plains, N. J.

Lodge.—On Thursday, February 4, Sarah J., wile of William J. Lodge, aged 25 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the inneral, at the Twonly-lourth street Methodist Episcopal church, near Ninth avenue, on Saturday mornings, February 4, star as abort and severe illness, Kate Spencer, only daughter of Josiah N. and Margaritta J. Loomis.

Funeral at ner late residence, No. 249 West Twonty-sixth street, next Saturday aiternoon, si one o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectiully invited to attend.

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Funeral at St. Paul's church, Yonkers, on Priday, February 3, at three o'clock P. M.

MOSSMAN.—On the 3d inst., ANN MOSSMAN, a native oi Edinburgh, Scotland.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, 5th lust., at one o'clock P. M., from the residence of her sisier, Mrs. Fraser, No. 79 Morton street.

MUSPHY.—On Wednesday, February 3, NELLIE, youngest daughter of Maud and Sylvester Murphy, aged 13 years, 6 months and 1 day.

Kelatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the inneral, on Saturday, the 6th inst., from the residence of her parenta, No. 300 East Fittleth sireet, at half-past one P. M.

MURRAY.—On Wednesday, February 3, Elizaberh Murray, in the 57th year of her age, a native of Drogheda, Ireland.

Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 12 Green wich street, this day (Friday), at one P. M.

MCAVOY.—In Harlem, on Wednesday, February 3, et largement of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, February 5, at half-past one o'clock P. M., from his late residence, 120 East 111th street.

MCELROY.—On Wednesday, February 3, 1876.
SUSAN, the beloved wife of John McElroy, aged 2 years, a mative of the parish of Drumore, county Tyrone, Ireland.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 120 East 111th street.

MCELROY.—On Wednesday, February 4, after a severe illness, ex-alderman Peter McKnight, in the 57th year of mis age.

The relatives and irrends of the family are respectantly invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of mis mother, 205 North Sixth street, brooklyn, E. D., on Sunday, the 7th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

MCKNIGHT.—On Thesday, February 2, at 110 Montague street, Brooklyn, Dalsy Williamsburg, on Chis

Transfiguration (the little church around the corner), Twenty-ninth street, between Madison and Pitth avenues.

AMITY LODGE, No. 323, F. AND A. M.:—BRETHERN—You are hereby summoned to attend a special communication at the lodge rooms, Masonic Temple, on Sunday, February 7, at hall-past twelve P. M., for the purpose of attending the inneral of our late Brother, T. N. N. Sanderson (Nelse Saymour). By order. JOHN H. HIGGINS, Master. JOHN J. TINDALE, Secretary.

New York LODGE, No. 1, b. P. O. ELKS:—BROTHERS—You are nereby requested to attend a special communication to be held at the lodge rooms, Masonic Hail, No. 116 East initteenth street, on Sunday, the 7th inst., at eleven o'clock A. M., for the purpose of baying the last trionte of respect to our late worthy Brother, Thomas N. N. Sanderson (Nelse Seymour).

FRANK GIRARD, E. R. and R. H. P. R. S. MARTIN, Secretary.

At a meeting of Bryant's Minstrels, held at Bryant's Opera House, Twenty-third street, it was Resolved. That while we bow with humble submission to the will of Aimighty God in removing from our midst our beloved friend, we protoundly regret the foss of such a warm-hearted companion, genial gentleman and true man, whose neart and hand were always ready to assist and promote the welfare of his orother processionals, and his desire to elevate the procession developed a sincerity of purpose that, commanded the respect of his brothers and bound them to him by the strongest lies of friendship, and in the death of Thomas N. Sanderson they meet with an irreparable loss in one whose many presence lenit dignity to all. While reflecting on our loss it is our dary to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his broken-hearted mother and relatives.

Shanessey—in Jersey City, on predman will be Liken to Connecticut.

Stranessey—in Jersey City, on Friday, at twelvy o'clock noon.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services, at the residence of her lather, 4st Classon avenue, Brooklyn, on February 3, of typhoid lever, Laura Sprague, wile of Edwin Siewa

her brother-in-law, Lewis Morris, No. 165 DeKaba avenue, on Friday alternoon, at balf-past two o'clock.

Stoddart.—After a brief liliness, at Allamuchy, Warren county, N. J., in the 48th year of her age, Jankt, wife of Henry Stoddart, a native of Jeddurgh, Scotland, and for eighteen years a resident of Westchester, N. Y.

The funeral services will be held in the Prosbyterian church, Hackettstown, N. J., at eleves o'clock on Sauntag, for the financial state of the church of Barclay street at 7:15 A. M.

Van Ulinda.—On Wednesday, February 3, Lilla N., daughter of Peter and Prischia Van Ohnda, aged 3 years and 3 months.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 160 West Piffythird street, at half-past nine o'clock A. M. Remains to be taken to farrytown for interment of the 11 o'clock A. M. Hain.

Wenney.—Suddenly, on Wednesday, February 3, William H. S. Weiner, aged by years.

The inends of the lamily, also members of Covenant Lodge, L. O. of O. F., and memoers of New York Typographical Society are respectfully invited to attend the nuneral, from the New England Congregational church, South Ninth street, Brooklyn, E. D., on Saturday alternoon, at ball-past one o'clock.

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